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BACKWARD STATES GRANTS COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up a Backward States Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the Commission;

(c) if not, the time by when the Commission is likely to be set up;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to allocate funds to backward regions of those States which otherwise do not fall under the category of Backward States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. However, in order to address the problem of regional imbalances, the Backward Regions Grant Fund is to be operationalised from the Annual Plan 2005-06. The details of the scheme are yet to be finalized.